

Nominating Committee Announces Candidates for 2018 Governing Council



Janis R. Koltun, CEBS

Three-year term



Michelle M. Oram, CEBS

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This year's Nominating Committee has recommended two candidates for election to the Governing Council, the nine-member body that oversees the Society's finances and policies. The recommendations were approved by the current Governing Council. If elected, Koltun and Oram will serve three-year terms beginning January 1, 2018. The candidates are:

Janis R. Koltun, CEBS

Principal
Mercer
Minneapolis, Minnesota

Michelle M. Oram, CEBS

Director, Product Development
Manulife
Kitchener, Ontario

Koltun is a principal at Mercer in Minneapolis, where she helps employers assess their current benefit offerings and develops programs to match long-term strategic benefit goals with overall business strategy. Core responsibilities include guiding employers from strategy through design and management of health care and group benefit programs and working with employers to navigate the regulatory and compliance landscape. Previously, she was vice president at Aon.

Koltun earned the CEBS designation in 1995, is an ISCEBS Fellow and is CPE-compliant. She has served the Society as a member of the Symposium Education Committee and the Membership and Chapter Development Committee. She is past president of the Twin Cities chapter and continues to serve on committees that support the chapter's board. Koltun earned a B.B.A. degree from the University of Iowa.

Oram is director of product development at Manulife. She is responsible for developing product solutions for Manulife's group retirement plan sponsors, plan members, advisors and consultants. Previously, she held the training manager, compliance manager, and member education and communication manager positions at Manulife. Prior to joining Manulife, she worked for another retirement plan provider where she gained experience in retirement plan design, administration, customer service, training and compliance.

Oram earned the CEBS designation in 2003, is an ISCEBS Fellow and is CPE-compliant. She has served the Society as a member of the Symposium Education Committee and is a past president of the Southwestern Ontario chapter. She continues to serve on the chapter's board and is a frequent speaker at the ISCEBS Symposium. In addition, she is a member of the International Foundation CEBS Committee. Oram earned a diploma in business administration from Wilfrid Laurier University and a certificate in adult education from Conestoga College.

Ballots containing the names of these two candidates, as well as those of any other nominees received through the petition process, will be mailed to Society members in late October. The completed ballots must be postmarked no later than November 15 and returned to Society headquarters for tabulation.

If no nominations are received via the petition process, the mail balloting process will be waived, and the candidates chosen by the Nominating Committee will be declared elected.